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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/696,932	Applicant(s) MCGUCKIN ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Richard R. Shaffer.

(3) Neil Gershon.

(2) Eduardo Robert.

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Date of Interview: 17 August 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: van der Burg et al (US Patent 6,994,092).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Neil Gershon contacted the USPTO to discuss the previous non-final rejection of claim 1 as being anticipated by van der Burg et al. Specifically, confusion was around what was being considered the proximalmost endpoint and distalmost endpoint for the filter sections. It was explained that since applicant was using terminology consistent with section/region/portion to define different parts of a monolithic strut member, that arbitrary sections of the prior art could be also be utilized to read upon the claim thereby having a "proximalmost end point of the filter/converging sections being located axially within the overall structure." Further, it was discussed that even if applicant amended structurally around van der Burg et al, that an additional analysis in view of the recent KSR v Teleflex decision would be used to state that the axially inward location of the converging/filtering sections would be obvious since adjusting where the end were going to be placed (equal or within) would have predictable results as well as most likely necessary if one would want to use the same sized occluder for a larger blood vessel .